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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

To: Examiner James H. Blackwell  
Group Art Unit No. 2176  
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From: Phillip E. Miller

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Re: Filing of Request for Reconsideration  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/837,158  
Our Ref: ALM.047

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find a Request for Reconsideration filed in response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, which should place the Application in condition for Allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

  
Phillip E. Miller

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In re Application of

Karen Mae Holland et al.

Serial No.: 09/837,158

Group Art Unit: 2176

Filed: April 19, 2001

Examiner: James H. Blackwell

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN TEXT DOCUMENTS AND STRUCTURED VARIABLES  
PERTAINING TO THE TEXT DOCUMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, Applicant states as follows:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 and 14-28 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits, however, that all of the claims are allowable.

Claims 1-2, 17, 23, 25 and 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Lewak et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,544,360) in view of Goldman et al. ("Knowledge Discovery in an Earthquake Text Database: Correlation between Significant Earthquakes and the Time of Day", IEEE, 1997, p. 12-21).

Claims 3-12, 14-16, 18-22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Lewak et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,544,360) in view of Goldszmidt et al. ("A Probabilistic Approach to Full-Text Document Clustering" 1998, Technical Report ITAD-433-MS-98-044, SRI International).

These rejections are respectfully traversed in the following discussion.